



SCHOOL SPORTS returned and CHS gridders hone their skills while Chris Mahoney sharpens his soccer goal tending.
[Greg Derr photo]

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Fitzpatrick at Art Center

By Karin Bartow

The exhibition of James Fitzpatrick's "Functional Forms" at the South Shore Art Center from September 16 to October 12 is the first public showing of this young man's contemporary, sculptural furniture-forms which he only began designing and making four years ago.

With an education in biochemistry and electronics, and six months experience as an attendant on one of the last chronic mental wards of Boston State Hospital, Fitzpatrick became the Coordinator of a vocational rehabilitation center for the mentally ill in 1975.

Known as WestRox Park, and located in Hyde Park, the Center housed three units, two vocational and one clinical. Using his knowledge of wood working and tool handling from a youth spent help-

ing to build a family house, Fitzpatrick established a shop that provided training in furniture making, refinishing and repairing.

Since Fitzpatrick was not a formal "art" student, his modesty (or honesty) prevents him from describing his current profession as artist/sculptor. The "Functional Forms" that he's created, however, are from an artist's eye and artisan's hand. What's commendable about what he's accomplished is that he never had any formal furniture-making or sculpting training, and yet both skills are fully utilized in his pieces.

Fitzpatrick found that working in mental health leads you to a lot of self-exploration and he can find explanations for the why's of some of his forms. For example, he has an aversion to angular pieces, which he says comes from the female half of his androgyny.

Fitzpatrick lives in a 'child-size' attic apartment on Jerusalem Road, hardly big enough for his own handmade furnishings, much less the machinery, tools, and raw materials of furniture making. He is looking for an old barn or stable or larger space where he can continue to create new and more varied functional forms.

It's Happening!

THROUGH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
ARTISTS' EXHIBITION at 67 North Main Street.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
CIRCUS/PICNIC from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Deer Hill School grounds, sponsored by St. Anthony's Sociables. For tickets call 383-1238, 0993, 1631 or 0418.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
EXHIBITION at the South Shore Art Center by James Fitzpatrick. See Around Town this issue for details.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
SCITUATE/COHASSET NEWCOMERS from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Cohasset Unitarian Parish House on North Main Street. For babysitting reservations call 545-1546.

NURSERY SCHOOL STARTS at the community center, for three and four year olds. Sandra Putnam is director of the program.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
THE COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL at Joseph Osgood School will meet at 9:15 a.m. at the Unitarian Parish House, No. Main Street.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
JAM & JELLY DEMONSTRATION from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the community center kitchen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
OUCH! IMMUNIZATION CLINIC from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Social Service League of Cohasset, 83 South Main Street. Immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella will be available.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6
"OCTOBERFEST" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cohasset Community Center.

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED SO WE CAN KEEP YOU POSTED! Drop off your listings to The Colonial Pharmacy by Monday at 10 a.m., or mail to the Cohasset Mariner, Box 71, 02025.

Rep. Murray feels the above situation is a reality which should be addressed.